

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:1

ANSWERED ON:01.03.2005

TSUNAMI DISASTER

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any Central team has made any assessment of the loss of lives and properties suffered due to Tsunami in various States/UTs;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the details of assistance given to the affected States/UTs so far;
- (d) the details of the various schemes launched for carrying out rescue and relief operations;
- (e) the details of the financial package, if any, for the rehabilitation programme;
- (f) whether there had been a large number of cases of misutilisation of assistance given to Tsunami affected States/UTs;
- (g) If so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and the action taken thereon;
- (h) whether the Government has set up or proposes to set up a National and State level Disaster Management Authority and a unified command for Tsunami relief operations.
- (i) if so, the details thereof; and
- (j) the time by which such Authority is likely to be set up?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) to (j): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.1 FOR 1ST MARCH, 2005 REGARDING TSUNAMI DISASTER

Central Teams were deputed for assessment of the situation and requirement of funds to the Tsunami affected States of Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Tamil Nadu and UTs of Pondicherry and Andaman & Nicobar. The details of loss of lives and extent of damage to properties, as reported by the States/UTs, are given in Annexure I.

2. Immediately after receiving the first information about the Tsunami waves hitting the Indian coast, the entire machinery of the State Governments/UT Administrations and the Central Government was activated for immediate response. The Ministry of Home Affairs, being the nodal Ministry, has been coordinating the relief, response and rehabilitation measures with the affected regions as also the Central Ministries/Departments providing emergency support including the Ministry of Defence/Armed Forces and the other States and NGOs. Immediate reconnaissance of the affected areas was undertaken for impact assessments. An Integrated Relief Command comprising representatives from military and civil authorities was set up for Andaman & Nicobar Islands under the Lt. Governor. Search and rescue operations were launched with the help of Armed Forces. About 20,900 personnel from Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and Central Para Military Forces were deployed in rescue and relief operations. Over 1000 medical personnel were deployed in mainland and about 200 doctors/para-medicos in Andaman & Nicobar Islands. In addition, two medical first responder teams of Ministry of Home Affairs were sent to the Andaman & Nicobar Islands. The relief hubs in various parts of the country were identified and designated for expeditious supply of necessary relief material in the affected areas. Officers of the Ministry of Home Affairs were deputed to the affected areas for effective coordination of rescue and relief operations.

3. A Group of Ministers under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister reviewed the relief and rehabilitation efforts on continued basis. The National Crisis Management Committee under the chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary also met on daily basis to take stock of the situation and extend needed assistance in the affected areas. The Control Room in the Ministry of Home Affairs was reinforced to monitor the situation round the clock and mobilize necessary resources for search and rescue and subsequently relief and restoration operations. Integrated Defence Staff (IDS) Ops Room of the Ministry of Defence functioned round the clock for logistic support of Armed Forces.

4. There is an institutional mechanism at the National and State level for emergency response in the event of natural disasters. Though the execution of the rescue and relief operations are primarily the responsibility of the State Governments, the Government of India extends all the possible assistance to the States to supplement their efforts to meet the situation effectively. In the Tsunami disaster, all required assistance have been extended to the affected States/UTs for rescue and relief.

5. A special package of Rs.2822.17 crore for relief and rehabilitation measures has been approved by the Government of India for the States of Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and UT of Pondicherry. This includes Rs.1184.84 crore for fisheries sector, Rs.23.21 crores for fishing harbour and landing places, Rs.752.30 crores for construction of permanent houses and Rs.861.82 crores for immediate relief and response. A relief package of Rs.821.88 crore has also been approved for Tsunami affected areas in Andaman & Nicobar Islands. The details of these packages are at Annexure-II. A Core Group under the Planning Commission has been constituted to plan and make provisions for long term rehabilitation, infrastructure reconstruction including providing multi-hazard proof permanent houses to those who have lost their houses.

6. No case of misutilisation of assistance given to Tsunami affected States/UTs has been reported to this Ministry.

7. It is proposed to introduce a Disaster Management Bill, 2005 in the Parliament to, inter alia set up a National Disaster Management Authority and State Disaster Management Authorities with a view to providing requisite institutional and coordination mechanism and powers for undertaking the mitigation measures as also mechanism for ensuring preparedness and capacity building to handle disasters for interim period, pending the passage of the Bill, the National Disaster Management Authority is being constituted by an administrative order.

Annexure- I

Statement showing the Loss of lifes and damage to properties due to TSUNAMIS OF 26TH DECEMBER 2004

Details Andhra Pr. Kerala Tamil Nadu Pondicherry A & Nicobar Total

Human lives lost	105	171	8009	593	1395	10273		
Persons missing	11	Nil	Nil	48	5764	5823		
Dwelling units affected	481		17382	190000	10061	21100	239024	
Cattle lost	89	Nil	5500	2685	27331	35605		
Cropped area damaged (Ha)	596		7763	2589	792	11010	22750	
Boats damaged (nos.)	12189		10882	52638	6678	1401	83788	

Annexure-II

Statement showing Relief Package for the Tsunami affected States/ Union Territories.

(Rs. in crore)

State	From CRF/NCCF	Other	Fishing Sector	Fishing	Housing	Total	Subsidy	Loan
Ministries	Harbour	grant						

Andhra Pradesh	19.53	13.00	27.66	7.51	2.30	70.00		
Kerala	84.10	23.21	44.85	34.13	13.07	50.00	249.36	
Tamil Nadu	617.20	62.50	441.08	566.47	9.94	650.00	2347.19	

Sub Total:-	720.83	98.71	513.59	608.11	23.01	702.30	2666.55	
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Pondicherry	39.78	2.5	32.01	31.13	0.20	50.00	155.62	
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Grand Total	760.61	101.21	545.60	639.24	23.21	752.30	2822.17	
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Note: Includes additional, Rs. 91.13 crore has been approved under fishery sector.
(Rs. 84.54 crore- Tamil Nadu, Rs.3.42 crore -Kerala, Rs. 1.01crore to
Andhra Pradesh and Rs.2.16 crore to Pondicherry

CRF = Calamity Relief Fund.
NCCF = National Calamity Contingency Fund.

Andaman & Nicobar Islands: (Rs. in crore)

Assistance covered	Amount	Remarks
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(A) Assistance as per CRF/ NCCF norms	313.19	This includes 15.37 crore from ARWSP out of the budget of Department of Drinking Water Supply
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(B) Assistance covered under norms	215.65	This includes 7,500 MT foodgrains (rice) with relaxation of scale under SGRY, valued at Rs.7.50 crore
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I Assistance covered under norms with a special package

(i) Revival of economic activity

(a) Fishermen	15.01
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(b) Agriculture	239.54
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(ii) Rehabilitation of orphans, widows, disabled, unmarried girls	8.60
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(iii) Immediate restoration of administration and infrastructure activity	29.89
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Grand Total	821.88
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ARWSP = Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme.
SGRY = Sampoorn Grameen Rozgar Yojana.